

- The Commission is sensitive to the concerns that availability of the wide range of Internet content, applications and attachments not be unfairly thwarted by ISPs or other portals through which consumers access such content, applications, or attachments. And we believe consumers should receive meaningful information regarding their broadband service plans. The Commission will closely monitor for anticompetitive developments that may require regulatory intervention. We are not without authority under Title I to deal with such developments should they arise.
- At the same time we recognize the dynamic nature of Internet services and the importance of network management, security and integrity. We recognize that broadband providers have the right to charge prices for different levels of service speed and enhanced features to address customer needs.
- We believe the policy of vigilant restraint, which we articulated in connection with cable modem service, should also apply to DSL. This policy comprises vigilant monitoring of marketplace developments without engaging in unnecessary government intervention. That policy has been enormously successful: investment has continued and accelerated; broadband services have become faster, cheaper, and more ubiquitous; competition from multiple technologies has increased. Additionally, the Commission is also actively promoting the development of many broadband competitors - - including wireless, satellite, cable, and telephone providers - - by limiting regulatory burdens, by making more spectrum available, and by making spectrum use more flexible. Competition from multiple broadband providers is seen as the best way to prevent a monopoly by one provider.
- At this juncture, we do not need to establish any particular rules or policies, and we do not need to determine the precise contours of our jurisdiction. It suffices to say that the FCC remains committed to rectify market failures should they occur.
- The principles set forth in this statement are not intended to interfere with normal business relationships between broadband providers and commercial interests, and we do not expect parties to use our articulation here to attempt to gain leverage in commercial negotiations or to draw the FCC into those negotiations.